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Thanks

... to those parents who assisted with this week's Mathex competition.

... to those who have booked an interview slot for next week.

People of the week

... Those children who received special "compassion" awards this week. See later in the newsletter.

... Ethan U for producing some pretty impressive artwork this week.

... Brianna K who made up an answer sheet for the international schools competition and thoughtfully shared this with the other participants. Well done Brianna!

Best wishes

... Miss Gentil who takes maternity leave at the end of next week. Miss Gentil returns around mid-term 4.

Term calendar (We will advise further dates as these come to hand)

29/30 June Parent interviews

3 July Final day of term 2

20 July First day of term 3

Parent Interviews

As advised, interviews will be held 29 and 30 June. If you have not yet made your online appointment there are a few slots remaining. Parents are invited to make their appointments by visiting www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and entering YFX42

If you have commitments on these days, please remember that teachers are highly available by appointment ... just give us a call.

Parent / teacher interviews

Please help the interview process along by ...

... being on time and moving on the bell

... bringing your child's portfolio with you

... noting down any questions or concerns beforehand

Please note that these interviews primarily exist for the sharing of achievement information. **If you have other matters likely to take some time, it is suggested that you make a second appointment for later that week or early next term.**

Notice of early finish to school days ... FINAL REMINDER!!

Please note that school finishes at 2:30 PM on 29 and 30 June to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please.



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Year 7 and 8 Technology

Year 7 and 8 students will attend technology classes at the Hukerenui Technology Centre from Friday 24 July until the end of the year.

For health and safety reasons it is a requirement for all children to wear closed in footwear and clothing appropriate in a workshop situation. Children are also asked to bring morning tea, lunch, a drink bottle, sunhat and a take home rubbish bag.

The Tech Centre is a purpose built facility with trained and experienced tech teachers. The team would always be more than willing to show interested parents around the centre by appointment.

Please ensure that children are at school **no later than 8:45 AM** each Friday morning in order to be checked off for buses. If children miss their bus, they will miss tech on that day.

Any questions to Mrs Abbott please.

COMPASSION VIRTUE

A special congratulations to the following children who were selected by their classmates and teachers as outstanding examples of the COMPASSION virtue. Thank you for being such fantastic role models. Your parents should be very proud of you.

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|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Room 2 | Hamish P | Brianna B-W |
| Room 3 | Ben D | Lydia J |
| Room 4 | Sarah H | |
| Room 5 | Summer C | Van L |
| Room 6 | Greah S | |
| Room 7 | Melissa H | Liam R |
| Room 8 | Ava P | Kyle H |
| Room 9 | Caitlin H | Jaxon M |
| Room 10 | Dannielle M | Riley C |
| Room 11 | Cyrus S-G | Emily D |
| Room 12 | Joseph J | Aimee C |
| Room 12 | Conal A | |

Current Virtue .. REMINDER

Our current virtue is KINDNESS. Please set aside special time at home to ..

... talk about the importance of kindness

... how you practise / have practised kindness in your life

... how the kindness of others has meant something to you in the past

... how your children might practise this moving forward

And PLEASE advise us of shining examples so that we can use these to encourage others. Support material will be attached to this or the next newsletter.

Smart Words Programme

A number of children have accelerated in spelling and will transition to a new book and level very soon.

Although this is great news, there is, unfortunately, a cost to parents of \$10 for their new spelling book.

Parents have been advised if their child does require a new book. If this presents any financial difficulties please contact Kevin.

Out of Zone Enrolments

We are now working on the assumption that out of zone families with siblings turning 5 in 2016 will already have advised us of this. If you have not, it is very important that you contact Kevin next week. If you are out of zone with a sibling turning 5 and you have not made contact, it is highly possible that a slot will not be made available for your child in 2016.

Central Northland Science and Technology Fair

Parents of children who will represent/possibly represent our school are advised that the Central Northland Fair will take place 24 to 27 August. We will not be able to confirm which children will represent us from the highly commended category (from the school fair) until wider entries have determined the number of available places. Any questions in the run up please to Mrs Abbott. More to follow.

Study Desks ... LAST CALL!

We have a number of old wooden desks surplus to requirements. These might be useful to some of you, and might even help to reinforce regular study patterns for your child at home. If stripped back, with legs painted black, could be quite retro. I think these are about \$120 new (mdf) but we are happy to part with these for a donation of \$20. Variety of heights. If interested please contact Kevin or Helen next week. Those who have already made contact are invited to drop by next week to pick up their desk, or we can hold this until early next term on request.

International Schools Competitions

Practice papers for the Maths and English exams are being issued from the main office .. with a target of two practice papers a week. Next week we will give children two or three practice papers for the holidays. A reminder that the exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 28 July ... Mathematics -11 August.

Lost property

Please drop by before the end of term to help us reduce the mountain of lost property. Unclaimed items will be donated to charities at the end of the term.

Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following "Player of the Day"



Yr 3 - Paige B

Reminders

... parents of year 7 and 8 children are asked to ensure that technology fees are paid by next week ... we pay these on your behalf. Covers the cost of take home materials .. enabling your child to bring their finished items home with them.

... those opting for term contributions are asked to pay the term 2 contribution at their nearest convenience please.

Famine

Not all sponsor money (and booklets) have been returned to school yet. **NOW URGENT ... BACK THIS COMING MONDAY PLEASE.**

Finally

A special thanks for your support and input this term. This term we have hosted a team from the Education Review Office, our school choir has gained momentum, we have kicked off the Cambridge accreditation process for the year 7 and 8 part of the school, refurbishment projects are in the planning stage (including a science lab), a really successful trivia night and much more .. it's been pretty busy.

Doesn't happen without teamwork and so thank you for your involvement.

As this is the final newsletter of term .. have a great holiday and travel safely!

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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School Polo Shirts

A supply of size 6, 8, 10 and 12 shirts have arrived in a new "quick dry" fabric. These will be on sale from the school office for \$30 each. The original style (poly cotton) are available in sizes 4, 6, 12 or bigger for \$20 each.

Community Notices

All Stars-Kids in Action OSCAR school holiday programme on the following dates: Mon 6th - Fri 10th July, Mon 13th - Fri 17th July. Venue - Raumanga (The Pulse), 8.00am-5.30pm, \$35.00per day, 5-14 years. Activities will include: MYbounce, Kiwi North museum & Kiwi house visit, Turbo Touch, Basketball, Bike riding, scooter and skate boarding, arts & crafts & more. For further information visit our website: www.kidsinaction.co.nz or contact Paul on 021951925.

Kidzone holiday programmes are located at Tikipunga, Whau Valley and Kamo Primaries. We are open from 7.45am to 5.30pm daily during the holiday break. To check out activities organised for each day go to www.kidzones.co.nz. Enrol online via our website for a fast efficient process. WINZ subsidies available. Contact Sandra North on 021 249 3308 or 43 53342 Sandra@kidzones.co.nz

School Hols Author's Talk for Creative Kids / Creative Writing Workshop - Join local author Donna Blaber for an uplifting and inspirational author's talk and/or creative writing workshop. Donna's career spans decades working as a freelance writer, journalist, and editor-in-chief. Today she is the author of more than 40 titles, and she has lots of inspiring stories to share and encourage young readers and writers. Where: May Bain Room (2nd level, Whangarei Central Library), When: Tuesday 14th July 2015, Times: Author's Talk 1pm-2.15pm; Workshop 2.30pm-4.30pm. Best suited to: 8-18 years, Cost: Author's Talk \$5 per person; Workshop \$15; book and pre-pay to ensure a place or pay cash at door. For further info phone 09 432 0933 or visit www.donnablaber.com/schoolhols.html

ASB Holiday Football and indoors Fun Football Centre - Tikipunga Sports Park, Mon 13th to Fri 17th July, 9.30-12.30, \$24 per session or \$96 for the week. BringBoots, shin pads, full water bottle, morning team, rain jacket and warm clothes. To register or pay on-line www.nff.org.nz or contact Christina for a registration link on 094377294/021795074

Hopscotch for Kids Holiday Programme – Based at Kensington park, Hopscotch has another exciting programme with a mixture of outings and centre based days these holidays. Primary and intermediate children are welcome, bring your friends! Open from 7.45am – 5.30pm, July 6-10 and 13-17. Prices vary from \$40-\$44 per day. WINZ subsidised. For more info or to enrol, email hello@hopscotchforkids.co.nz or ring Abbey on 021 237 2598. See you there!

Making a Scene - Come and join our action packed drama classes in Whangarei and Ruakaka. Our classes help students develop confidence and communication skills in a fun, creative environment. Make friends with other imaginers, actors, speakers and creatives just like you. Students grow and glow under the guidance of Trinity College Trained teacher Helen Morton-Jones LTCL RTSCA. www.makingascene.co.nz

Marsden Bay Christian Camp - is running again during the holidays (5th -10th July). or 9-13 year olds (up to Yr8) Activities include: - Motorbikes - Buggies - Canoes - Water Slide - Flying Fox - Archery - Slug Guns - Pancake Making - Trust Course - Beach Activities - Sports Rounds - Tabloid Games - And so much more..... Contact: Trish Ellis 35 Hilltop Ave, Morningside Whangarei 0110 Ph: (09) 438 0333 actionzonecamps@gmail.com. Families can also see details and register online at www.actionzonecamps.com



Specific Learning Disabilities Whangarei
invite you to
Realising Potential
Forum North, Friday 3 July 2015 7pm.
Door charge \$5 per family; Light refreshments provided

Ray McKimm, founder of Big Save Furniture, and Guy Bowden, founder of Tawapou Coastal Natives, will share how significant others have made a positive difference to their lives as people living with dyslexia. Come and be inspired to be one who makes a difference to young peoples' lives. An amazing Speedstacking demonstration will complete the evening.